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Q. What are the principal aims of the Yugoslav Foreign Office at the present time?  
How will they accomplish these aims?

A. It must be emphasized that the Foreign Office is not a policy-making body. Its chief duty is to implement the previously-made policies of the Politburo of the Communist Party, or take orders from Moscow.

The Foreign Office must refer all current situations to party organs for decisions or instructions. If the question is of an economic nature, it is referred to the Economic Council. Even in the implementation of instructions, the Foreign Office is required to inform the party organs how they did it, and if the matter is considered of importance, the implementation is to follow strictly detailed instruction. Every statement, action, and the more important notes of the Foreign Office have to be approved by the party.

The party members in the Foreign Office devote their time to organizing and re-organizing the Office, dismissing personnel, opening and shutting down Departments, or organizing courses for Marxism. The principal function of the party members in the Foreign Office is to watch the personnel and be the intermediaries between the Office and the party.

At present the Foreign Office is trying to find out what the Ministry for Foreign Trade has done, particularly the kinds of agreements that it has entered into with different countries. The same applies to the activities of other governmental departments, especially the Ministry of Industry and the Committee for Culture, which have entered into agreements with some countries without letting the Foreign Office know about it. The other Government offices which deliberately ignore the Foreign Office include the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Railways, and the Post Office.

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